

3rd Declension

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Markers and Identifying Features

1. The 3rd declension is a big mix of masculine, feminine, and neuter nouns
 2. Its thematic vowel is $-i-$
 3. Its genitive ~~gen~~ ending is $-is$
 4. There is no main pattern to determine the nominative singular form for any 3rd declension noun.
 5. Almost all 3rd declension nouns change their stem to a different spelling from the nominative singular form. Therefore, the nominative singular is very often spelled differently than the rest of the forms.
- Here are the standard case-forms for masculine/feminine nouns:

Ex. lux, lucis, F. - light

Singular

Plural

* Note that the nominative singular

five	lux	luces	here is 'lux', but the stem changes to 'luc-'
ve	lucis	lucum	
2	luci	lucibus	* Some examples to show stem changes:
five	lucem	luces	• princeps, principis, m. - chief
re	luce	lucibus	• mos, moris, m. - custom